

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 receiving a number of messages from at least two different system elements that
3 are located in two different devices, wherein the system elements are associated with a
4 same process and wherein the number of messages have a common protocol;
5 storing the number of messages from the at least two different system elements;
6 and
7 retrieving the number of messages associated with the same process upon
8 request for a status inquiry of the same process.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the same process includes an installation of an
2 operating system onto one of the two different devices.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the common protocol includes the HyperText
2 Transfer Protocol.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the number of messages are based on a
2 message format wherein the message format includes a process identification and an
3 information code.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the process identification includes an Ethernet
2 hardware address for one of the two different devices.
- 1 6. A method comprising:
2 receiving a number of messages from different system elements that are
3 associated with different communication processes, wherein the different system
4 elements are located on server machines and client machines, wherein the number of

5 messages are based on the HyperText Transfer protocol and have a process
6 identification that includes an Ethernet hardware address for the client machine;
7 storing the number of messages from the at least two different system elements;
8 and
9 retrieving the number of messages associated with a communication process of
10 the different communication processes upon request for a status inquiry of the
11 communication process.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the communication process of the different
2 communication processes includes a process for installing an operating system onto one
3 of the client machines.

1 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the client machines include a management
2 client machine, wherein the number of messages received from the different system
3 elements located on the client machines are transmitted through the management client
4 machine.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the client machines are part of a data center for
2 a number of Internet web host providers.

1 10. An apparatus comprising:
2 a local execution unit communicatively coupled to a remote execution unit,
3 wherein the remote execution unit is located on a remote device that is coupled to the
4 apparatus and wherein the local execution unit and the remote execution unit are to
5 execute as part of a same process; and
6 a message accumulator unit communicatively coupled to the local execution
7 unit and the remote execution unit, wherein the message accumulator unit is to receive
8 messages from the local execution unit and the remote execution unit using a common
9 protocol.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the same process includes an installation of
2 an operating system onto the remote device.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the common protocol includes the
2 HyperText Transfer Protocol.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the number of messages are based on a
2 message format wherein the message format includes a process identification and an
3 information code.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the process identification includes an
2 Ethernet hardware address for one of the two different devices.

1 15. A system comprising:
2 a client machine that includes at least one system element; and
3 a server machine that includes at least one system element and a message
4 accumulator unit, wherein the message accumulator unit is to receive and store
5 messages from the at least one system elements on the client machine and the server
6 machine during an installation of an application onto the client machine, wherein the
7 messages are based on a common protocol and using a same message format, the same
8 message format to include a process identification that includes an Ethernet hardware
9 address of the client machine.

1 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the installation of the application includes an
2 installation of an operating system onto the client machine.

1 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the common protocol includes the HyperText
2 Transfer Protocol.

1 18. The system of claim 15, wherein the server machine further comprises a file
2 server, wherein one of the at least system elements on the client machine is to
3 download files from the file server during the installation of the application.

1 19. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed
2 by a machine, causes the machine to perform operations comprising:
3 receiving a number of messages from at least two different system elements that
4 are located in two different devices, wherein the system elements are associated with a
5 same process and wherein the number of messages have a common protocol;
6 storing the number of messages from the at least two different system elements
7 in memory; and
8 retrieving the number of messages associated with the same process upon
9 request for a status inquiry of the same process.

1 20. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the same process includes
2 an installation of an operating system onto one of the two different devices.

1 21. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the common protocol
2 includes the HyperText Transfer Protocol.

1 22. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the number of messages
2 are based on a message format wherein the message format includes a process
3 identification and an information code.

1 23. The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the process identification
2 includes an Ethernet hardware address for one of the two different devices.

1 24. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed
 2 by a machine, causes the machine to perform operations comprising:
 3 receiving a number of messages from different system elements that are
 4 associated with different communication processes, wherein the different system
 5 elements are located on server machines and client machines, wherein the number of
 6 messages are based on the HyperText Transfer protocol and have a process
 7 identification that includes an Ethernet hardware address for the client machine;
 8 storing the number of messages from the at least two different system elements;
 9 and
 10 retrieving the number of messages associated with a communication process of
 11 the different communication processes upon request for a status inquiry of the
 12 communication process.

1 25. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the communication process
 2 of the different communication processes includes a process for installing an operating
 3 system onto one of the client machines.

1 26. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the client machines include
 2 a management client machine, wherein the number of messages received from the
 3 different system elements located on the client machines are transmitted through the
 4 management client machine.

1 27. The machine-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the client machines are part
 2 of a data center for a number of Internet web host providers.